

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, Applicant amended claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 14 and 30, and cancelled claims 2, 3, 7, 10-13, 27, 31 and 33-65. Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 14-26, 28-30 and 32 are presented for examination.

Claims 1 and 30, the only pending independent claims, have been amended to include certain limitations recited in previously pending claims. Certain dependent claims have also been amended/cancelled for consistency. Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Examiner restricted the claims into two groups. Applicant elected Group I, corresponding to the claims as presented.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for allegedly failing to satisfy the enablement requirement, and under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as purportedly being indefinite.¹ Without conceding that the rejections are appropriate, Applicants amended the claims to specifically limit the matrix functionality to an epoxy and to limit the electrolyte functionality to ion solvating molecules, oligomers and polymers, and ionomers. The application as originally filed provides many pages of discussion regarding the subject matter covered by the claims as amended, including numerous specific and detailed examples of such compounds. In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moulton.² But, nowhere does Moulton disclose or suggest the particular compositions covered by the claims as amended. In particular, Moulton does not disclose or suggest compositions that include an epoxy and also include an electrolyte additive selected from ion solvating molecules, oligomers and polymers, and ionomers. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

¹ Claims 2, 3, 7, 10-13, 27 and 31 were cancelled, so the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

² Claims 2, 3, 7, 10-13, 27 and 31 were cancelled, so the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

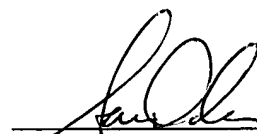
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Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, as well as a check to cover the fee associated with this petition. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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